

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, on roll call vote No. 258, I would have voted Yea on the motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 1616, Strengthening State and Local Cyber Crime Fighting Act of 2017.

LEE COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an important leader in our southwest Florida community.

T. Wayne Gale serves our community as Executive Director of the Lee County Mosquito Control District (LCMCD), one of the largest mosquito control districts in the United States, with a budget of \$23 million. LCMCD monitors threats posed by these insects and controls populations to reduce mosquito-borne diseases. Additionally, Mr. Gale serves as President of the American Mosquito Control Association.

This is a very important role as mosquito season approaches, given the threat of Zika in Florida. This dangerous mosquito-borne virus can have devastating effects on infected individuals and presents a severe risk for expectant mothers. The LCMCD is proactive in spreading awareness to our community to make sure citizens are informed about how best to prevent infections, and is one of the most advanced mosquito control districts in the country.

We are thankful for dedicated leaders such as Mr. Gale in our community, and appreciate his leadership in the mosquito control industry.

RECOGNIZING THE PASSING OF MR. JAMES GREGORY "GREG" LEWIS OF REEDVILLE, VIRGINIA

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the passing of Mr. James Gregory "Greg" Lewis of Reedville, Virginia on March 30th, 2017. Greg is survived by his wife, Donna Garber Lewis; two daughters, Kelly Lewis Minor, of Reedville, Virginia, and Amanda Lewis Stalnaker of Tappahannock; two brothers, Evans Lewis (Faye) and Larry Lewis (Janet); two sisters, Barbara Lewis Schools and Janice Lewis Zumot, and four much-loved

grandchildren, Corrie Minor, Cameron Minor, Jaxen Stalnaker and Brent Stalnaker and many nieces and nephews.

Greg graduated from Rappahannock High School in 1970 and from Smithdeal Business College in Richmond. He served the Virginia Army National Guard for six years. Greg established Little River Seafood in 1983 as an oyster and crab picking facility. With a strong entrepreneurial spirit, Greg grew the operations into an importer and distributor of his crabmeat and products and, eventually, included value-added products as well. Greg proudly served on the Richmond County School Board for 15 years. He was a Deacon and Trustee of Bethany Baptist Church in Callao, Virginia and was a member of The Gideons International. Greg also served as a member on the Virginia Seafood Council.

I had the pleasure of knowing Greg for many years and know his service to this nation and dedication to his community and church have impacted countless lives. Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the life and honoring the memory of James Gregory "Greg" Lewis.

HONORING DR. JOHN S. OSTROWSKI

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. John S. Ostrowski, a retired Navy Captain who will celebrate his 75th Birthday on May 28th. He has lived a life of service to his country, and has produced a legacy of continued service to our Nation through his family as a result of his example, inspiration and guidance.

As an officer in the United States Navy, Captain Ostrowski served his country honorably for 26 years as a dentist, with tours of duty on ship, ashore at various Naval Hospitals, and overseas in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He pioneered the use of dental implants in the U.S. Navy, and in the latter phase of his career, taught a new generation of Navy Dentists to prepare them for service to their fellow Sailors and Marines. Following his Navy career, Dr. Ostrowski opened his own private practice in Annapolis Maryland, which he successfully operated for over 25 years, providing services for the patients in his community. He was often known to provide his dental services for free to those in need—an expression of the importance he has consistently placed on charity and compassion to others.

Dr. Ostrowski and his wife Maeve raised five children—four sons and one daughter. His oldest son is a 28-year active duty Marine pilot who has achieved the rank of Colonel and served in Iraq, Haiti, Okinawa, and on multiple shipboard deployments. His second son joined the Navy, also as a pilot, attained the rank of Commander and commanded a squadron in

Oceana Virginia before tragically losing a battle with cancer. His 3rd son is an automobile mechanic who has owned and operated a successful auto repair business in Annapolis for the past 20 years. His fourth child, his daughter, has been a successful school teacher, principal and executive school administrator. She has recently pursued her entrepreneurial interests and founded a small business as a nutrition specialist and coach. Finally, his youngest son is a successful executive and partner in a financial services company.

His legacy has extended to his grandchildren, of which he has 21, with number 22 on the way this fall. Included in this number are 3 Naval Academy Midshipmen and a scholarship student at Temple University. High school baseball, softball, football and lacrosse athletes, student government representatives, gymnasts, and cheerleaders are counted among his other grandchildren.

On behalf of the State of Maryland, the County of Anne Arundel, and our constituents, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for Dr. Ostrowski's commitment to public service and inestimable contributions as a father, grandfather, dentist, Naval Officer, mentor, counselor, and advisor. Not only has he led an exemplary life of service, charity, and industry, but he has inculcated those same qualities into his children and grandchildren, thus perpetuating the highest ideals of service and citizenship in subsequent generations of Naval officers and his family. As he celebrates his milestone 75th birthday, I congratulate him on a life well lived and look forward to his continuing contributions to our communities, and wish him, his wife Maeve, his children and his grandchildren all the best in his years ahead.

IN HONOR OF THE YEARGIN FAMILY'S ACHIEVEMENT

HON. DAVID KUSTOFF

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jay and Alice Anne Yeargin of Weakley County, Tennessee. The Yeargin's were named runner-ups in the Achievement contest at this year's Annual Meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Phoenix, Arizona.

The Yeargins farm approximately 5,000 acres where they raise corn, soybeans, wheat, and cattle. They also host groups on their farm each year, including the Tennessee Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences, to share the story of agriculture. The Achievement Award recognizes young farmers and ranchers who have excelled in their farming or ranching operations and exhibited superior leadership abilities.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have such a family as a member of our community and want to recognize them for their service to West Tennessee and to the agriculture industry.

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HONORING THE 2016–2017 GRADUATES OF THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my fellow colleagues to join me in commending the 2016–2017 Congressional Youth Advisory Council. This year, 47 Collin County students from public and private schools in grades 9 through 12 made a significant impact in their community, their country, and their Congress by participating in CYAC. Through the CYAC program, these students volunteered their talent, expertise, and time to engage on issues that are important to their generation.

I continue to be inspired by the high-caliber students who partake in my CYAC program, and this year was no exception. We had a diverse group of students who already participate in a multitude of activities including student government, community service, honor societies, athletics, fine arts, and language clubs. It was exciting to see them apply their experiences and interests to CYAC. They were always excited to share their ideas about how to create a lasting and sustainable future for our country, and it was encouraging to see their determination, knowledge, and willingness to help those around them. Throughout the past school year, the students met to discuss issues that affect our everyday lives. They then applied their knowledge to various homework assignments and group activities.

Our first meeting focused on Homeland Security—a hot topic of great interest for many CYAC students. They heard from special guests District Attorney Greg Willis, new Collin County Sheriff Jim Skinner, and FBI Special Agent in Charge Tom Petrowski. The students learned about national security at the local level and how Americans' security is a team effort between local, state, and federal leaders. The meeting concluded with a tour of the Collin County Detention Center.

Their second meeting began with the Congressional Veterans Commendation Ceremony. At this event, they learned about local veterans' inspiring stories and helped honor these veterans' unique legacies of service. Following the ceremony, students met with my Chief of Staff and Legislative Director for an insider's view on what it's like to work in the halls of Congress. The students' first semester closed with Captain Sam Brown sharing his testimony of military and civilian service. He also encouraged them to tackle obstacles and embrace taking on leadership roles.

The CYAC students kicked off the spring semester with a Mock Congress. During this event, students learned firsthand the legislative process and how Congress operates. Each student was assigned to a committee with jurisdiction over bills that they were able to amend, debate, and ultimately vote on. Lastly, the students gave back to their hometowns by completing CYAC in the Community—service projects where they volunteered their time to community service work. Altogether, our CYAC students donated over 185 community service hours to Collin County.

I thank each member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council for making this year a

success. They are the voices of the future, and I'm proud of them for all that they've achieved. God bless them and God bless America. I salute them.

Kayla Adams, Shambhavi Badi, Shree Balaji, Brooklyn Baum, Joshua Brock, Reagan Cantrell, Allison Chang, Brandon Chen, Catherine Chen, Zachary Clonch, Emily Crone, Matthew Daley, Niruti Dhoble, Austin Dwiggin, Sam Fanatico, Nicholas Garcia, Sreeragini Ghantasala, Emma Guerra, Luke Harrell, Alice Hou, Timothy Interrante, Austin Katzer, Ruxton Kelly, Abby Kistner, Tatiana Laporte, Olivia Larson, Nicholas Le.

I-Jung Lin, David Lorenz, Jonathan Lu, Rahul Naik, Swetha Pamidimukkala, Padmashree Pandey, Purvee Patel, Jackson Pierce, David Qian, Ben Randoing, Elizabeth Reed, Emiko Rinkliff, Jakob Shackleton, Cameron Stapleton, Parker Stevens, Nicolas Teachenor, Sai Vogirala, Scott Walker, Emily Ward, Trent Yarbrough.

HONORING PRESIDENT TSAI ING-WEN'S 1ST ANNIVERSARY IN OFFICE

HON. SCOTT DesJARLAIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Mr. DESJARLAIS. Mr. Speaker, since President Tsai Ing-wen of Taiwan assumed office one year ago, she has continued to bolster the robust and beneficial relationship between the United States and Taiwan.

President Tsai has repeatedly stated over the past year her commitment to the status quo across the Taiwan Strait. To help Taiwan support this goal, we must ensure that its legitimate defense requirements are adequately addressed. This is an ironclad commitment that is unequivocally articulated in the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances. In fact, in March of this year, two of our upgraded *Oli-ver Hazard Perry*-class frigates were delivered to Taiwan, highlighting our existing strong military and security ties.

Looking forward, we are confident that the U.S. and Taiwan will build on our already solid foundation and continue to foster our bilateral relations across a wide ranging number of fields. I look forward to hearing the Trump Administration's plans for deepening this relationship in the years ahead.

I congratulate President Tsai on her first anniversary as the President of Taiwan, and look forward to even closer U.S.-Taiwan cooperation under her leadership in the years to come.

CONGRATULATING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HOME BUILDERS ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Association of Home Builders on its 75th Anniversary.

Founded in 1942, NAHB represents the interests of the nation's home building industry

and helps create a business environment that facilitates home building, enables more Americans to achieve homeownership, and provides rental housing at all price points.

As an organization, NAHB is much more than builders and remodelers. Its membership includes building trades professionals, architects and designers, developers, and representatives of countless industries that provide goods and services in support of the residential construction industry. This includes engineering, insurance, financial services, building product supply, transportation and many others.

The goal set forth in the Housing Act of 1949 of "a decent home and a suitable living environment for every American family" has been a guiding principle for NAHB and its members, and they have made great strides in achieving that goal. During NAHB's 75 years, the total number of housing units in the United States has more than tripled, growing from about 35 million to almost 136 million.

The nation's standard of living has also increased significantly as a result of the hard work of NAHB members, who build roughly 80 percent of the new homes constructed in the U.S. each year. A look back shows how far we have come since 1942, when more than 30 percent of the nation's homes had no running water or flush toilets, almost 40 percent had no bathtub or shower, 18 percent needed major repairs, almost 60 percent lacked central heat, and 20 percent of occupied units were overcrowded. Now, virtually all homes have complete plumbing systems and central heating, and many fewer homes are considered overcrowded or in need of major repairs.

NAHB members were instrumental in these significant advances in the quality of the nation's housing and the resulting improvement in the quality of life and standard of living in our country. Through the decades, those same members have also been at the forefront of innovation, helping to make the nation's homes significantly more resource efficient and sustainable.

Equally important, NAHB members are vital to the social fabric of their local communities and are actively involved in a multitude of civic and philanthropic endeavors. America's home builders are also essential to the nation's economic health. Home building accounts for roughly 16 percent of the total U.S. economy.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor and congratulate NAHB on the organization's 75th Anniversary. I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in acknowledging the important role that the residential construction industry has played over the last 75 years in the nation's economy and the lives of its citizens.

And I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking the National Association of Home Builders and its members for serving the nation through their ongoing commitment to building the nation's homes and communities and in urging them to remain steadfast in their efforts to meet the housing needs of all American families.

HONORING BRELAND PENDLETON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable student,